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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.112, 1.121**

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**a. Introductory Comments**

Claims 1- 20 were originally filed. Claims 16 – 20 have been subjected to a restriction requirement and withdrawn. Claims 1 – 15 are rejected in the Office Action.

This response amends the specification, confirms an election to prosecute claims  
5 1 – 15; amends claims 1 – 3, 8 – 9, and 13; and adds new claims 21 – 24.

Applicants request reconsideration.